

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR POLICY-BASED PACKET

CLASSIFICATION

A method, apparatus, and computer implemented instructions for processing a request in a data processing system. The request is received. In response to a first hash value being present within the request, the first hash value is compared to a second hash value that was computed locally, wherein the second hash value represents a current policy configuration for assigning a quality of service. In response to a match between the first hash value and the second hash value, other information in the request is used to establish a quality of service for packets associated with the request.

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